

**Virginia Racing Commission**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 8, 2022**

**Colonial Downs  
Ballroom, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway  
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

Stuart Siegel, Vice Chairman

John F. Tanner Jr.

Marsha K. Hudgins

Stephanie B. Nixon

Bette Brand

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary

Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations

Ada K. Caruthers, DVM, Equine Medical Director

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Myers, Esquire

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At 11:03 a.m., Vice Chairman Siegel called the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

Vice Chairman Siegel welcomed Bette Brand to the Commission.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 6, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the Limited License submitted by the Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation for Racing at Shenandoah Downs to include the recommendations included in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Tanner moved to approve the Limited License for Virginia Downs Foundation for 2022 at Shenandoah Downs. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the 2022 Shenandoah Downs racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve any last minute changes. Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the VHHA Benevolence Budget for 2022 in the amount of \$25,000. Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Brand, aye.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the VHHA's withdrawal of administrative costs from the horsemen's purse account for 2022 in the amount of \$31,600. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the expenditures from the Standardbred portion of the Virginia Breeders fund for 2022. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the 2022 Colonial Downs racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve any last minute changes. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the joint request from the Colonial Downs Group and the VHBPA for the retainage percentage of the Pick-5 Pari-Mutuel pool on live racing conducted at Colonial Downs for 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the acquisition of ownership interest in Colonial Downs Group, LLC, from Peninsula Pacific Entertainment, LLC by Churchill Downs Incorporated. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Tanner, aye, Brand, aye.

Jill Byrne reported on plans and preparations for the 2022 live racing meet at Colonial Downs.

A special presentation was given by Vice Chairman Siegel to J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr. in recognition of excellent service to the Virginia Racing Commission.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.